



**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, April 11, 2023 marks the 55th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act in 1968, which prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of housing on the basis of (as amended) race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability and family status; and

**WHEREAS**, The Iowa Civil Rights Act additionally prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of (as amended) race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, disability or familial status; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ankeny has established the Ankeny Human Rights Commission to proclaim a public policy of nondiscrimination by securing freedom from discriminatory practices, protecting individual dignity, ensuring their full productive capacities, preserving the public safety, health, and general welfare, and promoting the interests, rights, and privileges of individual citizens within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, fair housing practices play a positive role in ensuring the well-being of all people in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, economic growth, community health, and human relations in all communities are improved by diversity and fairness; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ankeny supports the on-going efforts of the many organizations, housing and service providers through continued education and outreach to affirmatively further fair housing.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mark Holm, Mayor of the City of Ankeny, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2023 as "FAIR HOUSING MONTH" in Ankeny to establish Ankeny as an inclusive community committed to fair housing and to promote appropriate activities by private and public entities intended to provide or advocate for equal housing opportunities for all community members and prospective residents of Ankeny.

**DATED AND SIGNED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2023.

Mark E. Holm, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Yuska, City Clerk

